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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO

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1. DURING DCM TIENKEN'S VISIT TO ASMARA (AUG 12-14), WE CALLED SEPARATELY ON BGEN WORKU MAKKONEN, CO OF EPMG FORCES IN ERITREA, AND BGEN GETACHEW NADEW, MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR OF ERITREA. BOTH GETACHEW AND WORKU CONTINUED TO BE KEENLY AWARE OF RECENT EVENTS CONCERNING CISCO TWO (I.E. SHORTWAVE BROADCASTS OF BOTH ELF AND PLF EXILE LEADERS), AND WERE INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF USG HAD HAD ANY CONTACT WITH ABDUCTORS. THEY BOTH MENTIONED THAT MOST RECENT INTELLIGENCE ON CISCO TWO REPORTS TWO AMERICANS AND FOUR ETHIOPIANS HEADED NORTH IN VEHICLE IN SAHIL PROVINCE. NEITHER APPEARED TO PLACE MUCH FAITH IN THIS REPORT.

2. RE ANY EPMG RECOVERY EFFORT, THEY REMINDED US THAT EPMG'S GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS OFT-STAED U.S. DESIRE FOR PERSONAL SAFETY OF CISCO TWO. GETACHEW NOTED THAT SAHIL REGION IS ELF TERRITORY AND WHICH FACT SEEMED TO REINFORCE HIS AND OTHERS' VOEW (SUPPORTED BY REPORTS ON FOREIGN BROADCASTS) THAT ELF WERE CAPTORS OF CISCO TWO.

3. COMMENT: CONGEN NOTES SIMILARITY BETWEEN THIS REPORT AND INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH CISCO REP REPORTED REFTEL. WE CONFIDENTIAL

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WERE ALSO SURPRISED TO HEAD GETACHEW REFER TO ELF BY THAT

NAME, WHICH HOPEFULLY INDICATES NEW CANDID ATTITUDE IN
DEALING WITH CONGEN.

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